



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7196**
Tetsunori FUJISAWA et al. : Docket No. 2000_0562A
Serial No. 09/581,402 : Group Art Unit 1634
Filed June 12, 2000 : Examiner J. Fredman

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 14, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: